

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An intervertebral spacer device, comprising:

first and second plate members, each having an external plate surface ~~thereof~~ adapted to seat against an opposing bone surface, the plate members being disposed such that the external plate surfaces face in opposite directions, at least one of the external plate surfaces having a deflectable mesh thereon, wherein said deflectable mesh is deformable for seating against one of the opposing bone surfaces.

2. (original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein an inner surface of the second plate member further comprises a ball-shaped structure extending therefrom.

3. (original) The device as set forth in claim 2, wherein an inner surface of the first plate member comprises a curvate volume for receiving and holding therein the ball-shaped structure.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the mesh is convex.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) An intervertebral spacer device, comprising:

first and second plate members, each having an external plate surface ~~thereof~~ adapted to seat against an opposing bone surface, the plate members being disposed such that the external plate surfaces face in opposite directions, at least one of the external plate surfaces having a deflectable, convex porous surface thereon, wherein the deflectable convex porous surface is deformable for seating against one of the opposing bone surfaces.

8. (original) The device as set forth in claim 7, wherein an inner surface of the second plate member further comprises a ball-shaped structure extending therefrom.

9. (original) The device as set forth in claim 8, wherein an inner surface of the first plate member comprises a curvate volume for receiving and holding therein the ball-shaped structure.

10. (canceled)

11. (original) The device as set forth in claim 7, wherein the convex porous surface comprises a wire mesh.

12. (original) The device as set forth in claim 7, wherein the convex porous surface comprises a deflectable wire mesh.